

***Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:***

A negative feedback amplifier which alleviates reduction in ~~[[a]]~~ band width, and effectively protects an amplifier from electrostatic discharge (ESD). A node is provided at the midpoint of a feedback resistor connected between an output terminal and an input terminal of an amplifier. Each of ESD protective diodes ~~[[is]]~~ are connected between the node and respective ~~[[each]]~~ power terminals ~~terminal~~. ESD threshold voltage and ~~[[the]]~~ band width vary in accordance with the resistance of a resistor between the input terminal and the node. Setting the resistance of the resistor at 10 to 100Ω makes it possible to secure the necessary ESD threshold voltage ~~[[with]]~~ while hardly reducing ~~[[the]]~~ band width.